

Amendments to the Abstract:

In the English translation document, please add the abstract at page 14 line 1, as follows:

--ABSTRACT

Short messages (SMS) or short messages containing images (MMS) are sent in a reliable, cost-optimized, and time-optimized manner to an IP-compatible terminal, e.g. a set-top box that is connected to a telecommunication network by expanding the functions of the distribution center for SMS/MMS messages and a registration entity for IP connections.--

A clean copy of the Abstract that incorporates the above amendments is provided herewith on a separate page.